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Dear Professor Lederberg,

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Thank you for the copy of Fruton's review. I suppose you sympathize with his or the reviewer's arguments?! So, do I, but each of us has to do the best one can, depending on our respective backgrounds, talents and interests, so the outcome is "biodiverse"...The questions raised by the review are complicated; I'd like to discuss them with you at some point.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you to kindly send some of your key papers from the 1950s; I wish to include a special section on microbial genetics as background to molecular biology, in my spring course (History and social implications of molecular biology).

Last, thank you again for your comments, suggestions, and hospitality on October 19. My MCI number was stolen in Penn Station, resulting soon in endless calls to China and other exotic locations (fortunately the fraud was quickly spotted and my card was discontinued) so my trip to you was not entirely harmless...

Perhaps we shall meet next time on less dangerous territory!

Sincerely yours,

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